

Director of Apple Exhibit Visits

Almon E. Smith, in charge of the northwestern apple exhibit at the San Diego exposition, was a visitor in the city Thursday. Mr. Smith is touring the northwest in the interests of the apple exhibit and is securing additional material. He is traveling in a high-power car and has with him an exposition guard and his chauffeur.

"The northwestern apple exhibit is the only apple exhibit in the Horticultural building," states Mr. Smith, "and is the only big fruit exhibit with the exception of the orange exhibit." Oregon fruit is given a prominent place in the exhibit. Mr. Smith expressed his belief that the apple exhibit at San Diego was doing a great amount of good, since, being the only one of its kind, it could not fail to attract and does attract much interest. He thanked the Tidings for the paper which is on file at the exhibit and which is often referred to by persons seeking information regarding this section.

Mr. Smith will cover 3,000 miles in his trip through the northwest. For fifteen years he was a resident of the Rogue River valley, although he is now living in Portland. In speaking of the San Diego climate, Mr. Smith says: "It is a beautiful country and is delightful for a winter's stay or a short visit, but does not appeal to me as an all-year-round place of residence. The climate simply takes all of the 'pep' out of a person. Give me the Rogue River valley."

While in Ashland he arranged to have some literature sent to the exposition. The new booklet greatly interested him and will make a decided appeal because of its uniqueness, according to his belief. He expressed surprise when told that the entire booklet, including the difficult three-color cover, was a local product.

Mr. Smith continued his journey to the north Thursday evening.

One Man Against A Drunken Mob

Jesse L. Laaky's photoproduction of Blanche Sweet in "The Captive," with House Peters in the leading male role, contains a most thrilling scene in which one man, single handed, defends a girl against a mob of drunken Turkish soldiers, giving a very vivid idea of the terrors that best women in the days of war. The hero, who so bravely meets this situation, is himself a Turk, and has, through the fortunes of war, been the servant of the peasant girl. Though she has treated him most unjustly, he has come to love her, and he finds himself in the strange position of having to protect her from his own superior officer. He barricades the house and prepares for a hopeless resistance, but is rescued by the Montenegrans, who retake the village in the nick of time. At the Ving theatre Tuesday night. A Paramount picture.

"Who Pays?" and the travel series will be shown Thursday, followed by a Bray cartoon comedy.

Finds Rare Bird In Siskiyou

A song bird, heretofore unknown in the state of Oregon, but common east of the Rocky mountains, the red eyed vireo, was found by A. C. Shelton, field worker of the department of zoology at the University of Oregon, during his survey in the Rogue River valley and the north spur of the Siskiyou mountains. Only three or four times has this bird been found in the west, once or twice in British Columbia and once or twice in the state of Washington, he states, and never has it been found so close to the Pacific coast as the bird he brought back among 220 specimens of birds, animals and reptiles collected during his six weeks' trip.

Mr. Shelton, who traveled alone, being guided at times by prospectors, made his main camp at the bend of Rogue river, thirteen miles west of Grants Pass, and made side trips back into the mountains. Here he found eighty-five different kinds of birds, the greatest number he had ever found at the season of the year in any locality in the state, among them being the red eyed vireo.

Donald will improve 10,000 feet of streets.

Greatest Good Roads Convention

New York, August 23.—Arrangements for the Pan-American Road Congress are approaching completion. The congress will assemble at Municipal Auditorium, Oakland, Cal., Monday morning, September 13, and continue five days, closing Friday afternoon, September 17.

The congress is to be held under the auspices of the American Road Builders' Association and the American Highway Association, acting jointly. In previous years these great organizations, which are national in scope, have held separate annual conventions. They will be aided on the Pacific slope by the Tri-State Good Roads Association and the Pacific Highway Association. The membership of these two western organizations covers the state of California, Oregon and Washington. Invitations to attend the congress and to appoint delegates have been sent to the governors of the states, the executive officials of the Canadian provinces, and the presidents of the Central and South American countries. Similar invitations have been sent to mayors of cities, and special and general invitations extended to highway officials of states, counties and cities, and to many others interested in road and street construction, maintenance and administration. Sufficient responses have already been received announcing acceptances and delegates appointed to insure a very large attendance.

The program has been given very careful attention. Practically every subject relating to materials and methods of road construction, maintenance, financing, engineering and education has been accorded a place, and will be discussed by the ablest men in the country in their respective branches.

There will be two sessions of the congress each of the five days. The opening session Monday morning will be devoted to the usual complimentary felicitations. Monday afternoon will be given to educational addresses. The sessions of Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday forenoon will be taken up with the presentation of papers on the various subjects, and their discussion. Friday afternoon the adjustment of the business of the congress, the reports of committees, and the adoption of resolutions will complete the work.

The Tri-State Good Roads Association and the Pacific Highway Association will hold conventions in conjunction with the national affair. Several prominent Oregon road boosters will speak, among them being a Medford man.

Burglar-Proof Safe for Tipplers' Names

Redding Searchlight: The names of 330,000 tipplers in Oregon and Washington are catalogued and arranged in an alphabetical index by a mail order liquor house that is preparing to open for business in Hornbrook, the California town that is nearest to the Oregon-California line. Oregon and Washington states will go "dry" on January 1 next.

The law in both states allows, after the opening of the new year, any person in those two states to purchase three dozen bottles of beer and two quarts of whiskey every four weeks.

The enterprising dealer in Hornbrook, who proposes to shoot alcohol across the state lines into Oregon and Washington, has built a warehouse one hundred feet long and eighty feet wide in which he will store his alcoholic beverages.

A fire-proof, burglar-proof safe has been built, in which are kept the names and addresses of the 230,000 tipplers of Oregon and Washington, whom he deems will be likely purchasers.

The value of town lots in Hornbrook has advanced 50 per cent within the last three months, or since the property owners realized what a geographical advantage they have in dealing with "booze" shipments to the northern states.

A second mail order house has bought a large lot and proposes to enter into the business that promises such handsome returns from the "dry" states north of California.

Mossbacks are litigating proposed union high school at Holly.

Corvallis—C. E. Hout erects two-story brick, 50 by 100 feet.

Mass Meeting at Chautauqua Tonight for Election Discussion

To the Voters and Taxpayers of Ashland:

A number of our citizens have suggested that a mass meeting be called for the purpose of open discussion of the electric light problem and the proposed contract to be voted on at to-morrow's election. Believing that a considerable number of our citizens

are not thoroughly familiar with the proposition, I hereby call a public meeting at the Chautauqua building tonight (Monday) at 8 o'clock, where every phase of the matter may be openly discussed. Every voter and taxpayer in the city should be present as the matter is one of great importance. O. H. JOHNSON, Mayor.

Why Is Blue Ledge Copper Mine Idle?

Medford Tribune: All of the copper properties in Josephine county are in operation or preparing to operate, the most successful of these being the Queen of the Bronze. The ore is being shipped to the smelters at Tacoma, Wash., and Kennett, Cal. The Blue Ledge mine, one of the richest copper properties in the west, is still idle, though better prepared for active mining than the majority of local mines, with thousands of tons of copper blocked out. The idleness of the Blue Ledge with copper at its highest mark in a year, and in strong demand for munition manufacture, is one of the industrial mysteries of the state.

Four Hundred Road Boosters Coming

Between 300 and 400 good road boosters from various parts of the United States will pass through Ashland on September 11, en route to the Pan-American good roads congress at Oakland, Cal., September 13-17 inclusive. The good roads special leaves Chicago September 2 and makes stops along the route to pick up delegations. The party will arrive in Portland on the 10th and will be shown over the Columbia highway. No doubt good roads boosters of southern Oregon will make arrangements to have the party taken over the Jackson county paved highway and possibly the Siskiyou grade. The advertisement derived from having the party taken over the Siskiyou grade would repay a great effort. This mountain grade is proclaimed by engineers from all over the country to be one of the best pieces of mountain grade in the country.

The congress at Oakland will be held under the joint auspices of the American Road Builders' Association, the American Highway Association, the Tri-State Good Roads Association and the Pacific Highway Association. Oregon will be officially represented at the congress by J. H. Albert of Salem, W. I. Vawter of Medford, Arthur Languth of Portland and Judge W. S. Worden of Klamath Falls.

A number of good roads enthusiasts from southern Oregon will attend the convention.

Southern Pacific Lecturer Here

Major John B. Clum, official lecturer for the Southern Pacific, accompanied by Mrs. Clum, spent a short time in Ashland Sunday morning. Major and Mrs. Clum had been visiting Crater Lake and were on their way to San Francisco, where Major Clum is lecturing in the Southern Pacific building at the exposition. A. S. Rosenbaum, agent for the Southern Pacific at Medford, brought them over the Pacific highway from Medford to Ashland. Through the courtesy of Mr. Rosenbaum Publicity Director Duryea had the pleasure of meeting these visitors and showing them something of our development into a resort city. They were taken through the park system and over Glenview Drive. They were given some of the new booklets, which they praised highly as very unique and interesting.

Both Major and Mrs. Clum were enthusiastic in their comments on the beauty of Ashland and its surroundings. Glenview Drive seemed to make a great hit with them, and they both said it was one of the most beautiful rides they had ever taken. These visitors seemed very much impressed with all that Ashland has to make a resort city, and predicted a splendid future for the city.

Highway Work In Northern California

Siskiyou News: The unit of the California state highway grade between Hornbrook and the Oregon state line is practically completed.

The highway commission will widen the by-pass around Bailey hill, making it safe for travel.

The Penn Bridge Company, who have the contract for bridges on the state highway between Yreka and the Oregon state line, have sublet the concrete work to a Grants Pass firm, who will commence work at once.

E. F. Johnson, contractor for the Yreka-Hornbrook unit, reports that the portion between Hornbrook and Shasta river is about ready for acceptance.

Tuesday Meeting of Vital Importance

As announced elsewhere in this issue, a meeting will be held in the Commercial Club rooms Tuesday night, August 24, of all interested in procuring irrigation. Every farmer and landowner of the Bear creek and district above town are urged to attend this meeting. The meeting will be called at 8 o'clock sharp and the Commercial Club rooms should be packed. This year has brought before us with renewed force the imperative necessity of irrigation. It is the only course by which growers can secure the crops which are their due. If you do not believe in the efficacy of irrigation, go down the valley and see the results which Egan is getting from his irrigated pear orchard. Then for contrast go over into the Suncrest orchard district and see the carloads of little dried up apples which would have developed into a crop of large and perfect apples had the owners been able to get water.

The ranchers and fruit growers of the Medford district are awakening to the need of irrigation and have formed a Water Users' League which has already signed up 15,000 acres for irrigation. It is under the auspices of this organization that the meeting Tuesday will be held. A plan for making a unit of the Ashland and Talent district will be explained.

Five Dollars for Biggest Fruit

We have seen some fruit grown around Ashland that is "some fruit." The grower of the biggest peach and apple and pear will each have a chance to rake down \$5 and considerable fame to boot by following the directions outlined in the following letter from H. O. Frohbach, in charge of the southern Oregon exhibit at the San Francisco exposition:

August 19, 1915. I am authorized to offer \$5 for the largest apple, \$5 for the largest peach and \$5 for the largest pear grown in Jackson county and displayed in the southern Oregon booth at the Panama exposition.

Fruit must be perfect and true to shape and should be sent by parcels post. No freak fruit will be displayed. H. O. FROHBACH, Oregon Building, P. P. I. E., San Francisco, Cal.

No one is obliged to live where he is not suited. If one hasn't an encouraging word for the business enterprise and institutions of his town, he should shut up and "go 'way back and sit down." If things don't suit you, move to where they will. A growler and sorehead in a town is an enterprise killer every time. It would pay a town to donate him \$5 and tell him to move.

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Recognition From Portland

The following article was clipped from the Chamber of Commerce News, the official publication of the Portland Chamber of Commerce. The Portland chamber is working toward a unification of all the commercial bodies of Oregon toward the furtherance of the state's welfare. During Mr. Duryea's recent visit in Portland he met with the heads of the Chamber of Commerce at a luncheon and was asked to outline the work which is going on here. The following article is the result:

"Ashland-Oregon's New Spa. Several municipalities in Oregon have shown remarkable courage during the past few months by undertaking large projects that involve the expenditure of big—big for small towns—sums of money. Citizens, by big majorities, have voted for bond issues to raise money to finance railroad construction, build sawmills and carry out development plans of various sorts. Faith in the future of their home town, faith in the future of Oregon, has been shown. Notable among these cities is Ashland, in southern Oregon.

"Ashland is located in a wonderful belt of mineral springs. For all the years that the city has existed the citizens have enjoyed these waters, but have not given much thought to them as important factors in the commercial life of the community. Now these self-same springs have become the foundation on which there is to rise a bigger and better Ashland.

"Already Ashland is getting cheery and brags about being the 'Carlsbad of America.' One hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars in real money has been raised by the sale of bonds. Given forty, or more, magnificent springs of lithia, soda and sulphur water and \$175,000 in cash and you have a pretty good start towards a resort. Ashland has that start.

"Next year the city will be a full-fledged resort with sixty acres of park system, full of attractions for the visitor, and a world of the finest mineral waters flowing.

"Health and happiness are the two things mortals need most, want most. The citizens of Ashland are getting ready to give these to the people of Oregon and all the world, for one can find health in drinking Ashland waters and breathing Ashland air and could not fail to find happiness in the beauty of the city and loveliness of its environment."

Railroad Official Shown the Sights

John M. Scott, general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific Company, and Mrs. Scott were visitors to Ashland on Friday of last week. In the morning they were taken over the Siskiyou grade of the Pacific Highway by Mr. Rosenbaum, who brought them over from Medford. In the afternoon Mr. Scott was taken out to the springs by Mr. Kramer, Southern Pacific agent, in company with Chairman Greer of the springs commission and Publicity Director Duryea, and shown all of the present development. Later in the day Mr. and Mrs. Scott were taken through the parks, the auto camp and over the drives.

Mr. Scott seemed pleased with everything that was shown to him. He expressed himself, as he has in the past, as confident that the citizens of Ashland will get adequate returns on their investment of \$175,000 in the development of the springs and construction of parks. He said he hoped our business men would give earnest consideration to the need of hotel accommodations before next season. He complimented the publicity department very highly on the new glass of water booklet, and said the passenger department of the Southern Pacific would aid in their distribution at the exposition and all over the United States through its numerous agents. Mr. and Mrs. Scott left for Grants Pass on train 16.

In his private car "Magnet," James Cousens, treasurer of the Ford Motor Car Company at Detroit, passed through Monday. He was accompanied by a party of friends.

Standard legal blank forms of every kind may be procured at the Tidings office in any quantity.

New Booklet Is Well Received

The publicity department is extremely gratified over the favorable comments that everybody, practically, have passed upon the new glass of water booklet. The manager is pleased with the impression made by the book, for it is his own creation from start to finish. It is his desire and purpose, as long as he directs Ashland's publicity efforts, to give the city the best he has to give and to turn out nothing that is not high grade.

The Tidings shop was not satisfied with the appearance of the type in the first few books that were printed, and, as it desires to make this book a credit to all concerned in its production, a new case of type has been purchased and the entire book reset. The book will be a splendid example of the printer's art, and Ashland people may be satisfied. In every way, with the quality of its advertising literature from every point of view.

Twenty-seven hundred of these booklets were shipped to Mr. Frohbach on Saturday by express, for distribution at the exposition at San Francisco. A sample copy was sent to Mr. Frohbach by mail, and in commenting on it to the manager of the department he said, "It's great." Mr. Frohbach will see that thousands of these unique booklets are given out in connection with our spring exhibit from now to the close of the exposition.

Victim of Auto Wreck Buried Here

James W. Gilmore, Southern Pacific agent at Cottonwood, was killed, and Hayden Saunders, Miss Verla Hencratt and sister, Mrs. Frank Hall, all of Cottonwood, were seriously injured in Redding at 8:45 Wednesday evening, when the five-passenger automobile in which they were touring backed off the Pine street hill and tumbled ninety feet to near the bottom of the precipitous river bank.

Mr. Gilmore was a brother of Mrs. May Rice, formerly in the Southern Pacific stations at Gold Hill and Medford and now located at Brooklyn, Ore.

The body was brought to Ashland Friday for burial. Mrs. Rice arrived in the city Friday evening and Mrs. Gilmore and other relatives came from the south on the same train with the body. Mr. Gilmore was well known in Ashland, the family having formerly lived here.

He has been agent at Cottonwood for twenty years.

Mr. Gilmore was a Knight Templar and a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. Besides his wife, he left four children—Henry, Joseph, Elmer and Floyd, ranging in ages from nine to three years.

Unique Crater Lake Conclave Success

One hundred and six automobiles carried 486 members of the Knights of Pythias to Crater Lake last Tuesday, where, under the auspices of the Medford lodge, the most unique initiation and ceremony in the history of the lodge was staged in the crater of the extinct volcano on Wizard Island in the center of the lake. The drama, Damon and Pythias, was enacted upon the rim of the lake. Among those initiated were John M. Scott, traffic manager of the Southern Pacific; Will Steel, superintendent of Crater Lake park; A. J. Boyd and twenty-two others from different parts of the state.

The representation to the conclave was broader than had been expected. Lodges from Portland and the upper Willamette valley, the Umpqua, Coos Bay, eastern Oregon and eight lodges from the state of California were represented.

Arrangements for the accommodation were carried out without a hitch and the Medford lodge is to be congratulated on the success of the event. The Medford band accompanied the lodge and furnished the first band music that has ever awakened the echoes from Crater Lake.

Portland—Willamette Iron and Steel Works employing day and night shifts.

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